



**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
October 18, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:09 pm.

Present: Mayor Pro-Tempore: Jahn Dyvik; Council: Deirdre Kvale, Mike Feldmann, and Gina Joyce (arrived to the meeting at 5:16 pm)

Staff Present: City Administrator: Scott Weske; Fire Chief: James Van Eyll; and City Clerk: Jeanette Moeller

Absent: Mayor: Charlie Miner (with prior notice)

APPROVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Feldmann, seconded by Kvale, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: all.

OPEN CORRESPONDENCE

No one was in attendance to address the City Council during Open Correspondence.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Discussion Regarding Fire Department Matters, Planning for Future Fire Services Community Open House Event

City Administrator Weske recalled that prior to the meeting, Mayor Miner had sent the Council a proposed presentation slide deck for the upcoming Future Fire Services Community Open House. He indicated that he would like to obtain more direction on the items that staff needs to work on for the presentation; such as, the list of equipment/ownership, and how the Council would like to see the finance options represented with each scenario being considered.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Dyvik believed that the finance impacts under the scenarios should be presented as they are for many situations; for example, providing information based on a \$300,000 house value, and clarifying the impact upon that residence under each of the options.

Council member Kvale commented that she appreciated how the slide deck set out to put the record straight, explaining that the Fire Department situation was not brought on by Long Lake and was occurring because Orono made a decision to not renew the contract.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Dyvik asked if Council member Kvale had received the updated slide deck that Mayor Miner had sent.

City Clerk Moeller mentioned that she had printed a hard copy of the most recent version of the slide deck for display on the document camera.

Council and staff discussed and began making modifications within the slide deck on a page-by-page basis, and reordered some slides for the overall flow of the presentation.

Moeller displayed a draft notification for the Future Fire Services Community Open House and explained that she followed City Attorney Thames' recommendation and formatted it as a public notice. She stated that one of the Council members had contacted her about considering an alternate venue should there be concerns about the 'politics' of holding the event at the Fire Station. She reported that she had spoken with Calvin Presbyterian Church, who had offered to make their Fellowship Hall available to the City subject to final approval by their Fellowship Committee. Their Fellowship Hall has more parking available, facilities to seat between 120-150 people, has a television that can be hooked up to a laptop to show a presentation, and has some sound equipment available.

Fire Chief Van Eyll added that he has a 20-foot portable screen and projector setup he could bring that would work much better than a television.

Council member Dyvik questioned whether Chief Van Eyll felt that there could be any potential conflict with holding the Open House at the station.

Van Eyll responded that he did not believe that there would actually be a conflict, but also recognized that there could be 'perceived' conflict to some.

Moeller commented that she did not see a conflict with holding the Open House at the station and reflected that the tech component at the station would be known and there would be staff that know how to operate it. She further noted that Calvin Presbyterian Church had indicated that they may be willing to waive their usual facility fee for the event.

Council member Joyce observed that she did not understand what the perceived conflict would be in using the Fire Station.

Council member Feldmann explained that he was the one who had reached out to City Clerk Moeller after he'd been contacted by a resident who told him that they were concerned that fire stations can be intimidating for the public. The individual had suggested that residents may feel more comfortable attending an Open House in a neutral environment.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

ADJOURN

Hearing no objection, Mayor Pro-Tempore Dyvik adjourned the meeting by general consent at 6:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Weske
City Administrator